## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



## AIDS WALK DAY



OCTOBER 7, 2000

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2000, Whitman-Walker Clinic, Incorporated will sponsor the 14" Annual AIDS WALK Washington; and

WHEREAS, the greater Washington metropolitan area has nine times the U.S. rate per capita of AIDS cases and an ever increasing number of District residents who are affected by this deadly disease; and



WHEREAS, Whitman-Walker Clinic, Incorporated has been instrumental in providing comprehensive medical and dental care, housing, food, legal services, mental health and addictions treatment services, case management, Spanish language services, education and vocational rehabilitation for people living with HIV/AIDS, as well as assisting the community with HIV prevention information, and operating a twenty-four hour - seven days a week information line for people in need of referrals, testing, and counseling; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is proud to commend Whitman-Walker Clinic, Incorporated for its contributions in heightening the awareness and prevention of HIV and for the support of our residents with HIV/AIDS:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2000, as "AIDS WALK DAY" in Washington, D.C., and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in observing this day by joining me and thousands of caring people as we demonstrate compassion for people living with HIV/AIDS.